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## ENTHUSIASM THE KEYNOTE OF WAR FARM'S SUCCESS.

The war farm which members of Wellesley College have instituted this summer is a signal success and its success is due to the unbounded energy and enthusiasm put into it by the workers. Without any training or particular aptitude for the work the squads under Miss Ferguson's able leadership accomplished results of a magnitude which will surprise our readers when the reports are published in a future News. But it is rather the method than the results which have made of the Wellesley War Farm not a risky venture but a solid, practical actuality.

The first requisite to this triumphant outcome is Miss Ferguson herself. No one who has worked on the farm can say enough for the way in which she has conducted the work. Into the conception of the plan and its organization she put actual genius; and into its working out endless energy, enthusiasm, and all the inspiration of her own vigor which makes each girl who was lucky enough to share in the work say her month on the farm was the finest she has ever had.

Thirteen girls each month did the whole work of a twenty-acre farm, and three others took entire charge of the housekeeping, cooking and cleaning for the farmers. Girls who had lived on farms all their lives, girls who thought potatoes grew on trees, girls who hardly knew the meaning of hard physical labor, worked together with equal joy and equal efficiency. There was no man labor on the whole farm and although the end of the day found weary farmers there was not a single complaint about overwork. Miss Stone, secretary and treasurer of the Wellesley War Farm, says that without exception the girls did their work well and intelligently. Health? Why, no one ever thought about their health, and each "farmerette" is coming back to her academic routine with a coat of tan and a set of muscles such as she has never before boasted.

The spirit of goodfellowship among the workers is a bond that will hold them together long after college. Marion Hamblet, '19, says, "I have never known anything so splendid as the unity of spirit of the war farm. It is like Silver Bay, only that the bond which grows from working and playing together is even stronger than at Silver Bay."

Of course there were varying phases of the work changing as the different crops came in. Shakespeare House has been turned into a drying room, where great quantities of corn and other vegetables have been dried with electric fans. In Phi Sigma kitchen the cooks have made fine catsup and tomato conserve, and the Barn has reverted to type over the summer, being used for the "conditioning" of corn to be dried and preparing for its distribution. Then there has been the retailing of that part of the crops not bought by the college for winter use. Produce went very literally from the producer to the consumer when a girl dug potatoes in the morning and took them to villagers in the truck in the afternoon.

After the regular eight hours of work each day, the farmers would go home to the rooms given to them by the college in Wilder Hall and spend a jolly evening. They felt like plutocrats too, when all they had to pay for out of their twenty cents an hour was board. Saturday afternoons were the jolliest times of all when the farmers put on "civilized clothes" and took a gay half holiday "on pay."

The best part of it all is that Wellesley students who were not lucky enough to share in the summer work may still enjoy the labor and the fellowship which the farm affords. Miss Ferguson

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invites volunteers for all sorts of work during the fall months. Beans must be gathered, thrashed, stacked, sorted, cleaned. There are potatoes, tomatoes, beets, carrots and onions still to be dried. Cooks are needed to make a soup mixture. Ford drivers with licenses may retail the crops in the village. Help is needed in distributing the produce on campus. There is something for every girl in college to do, to get her share in the war farm fun and the war farm spirit. Enlist your services with Marion Hamblet, 1919, Chairman of Volunteer Workers. Eager, willing workers are desired, who will appreciate the opportunity which is being offered to them.

For many a day college will ring with the praises of the war farm. Watch for the report of crops in the News, and for pictures!

## RALLY!

Watch the college rally to the support of the College Government Association! On Thursday afternoon, September 26, the chapel will be the scene of the biggest, the most important, the only scheduled all-College Government Association meeting of the year. Every loyal student member of Wellesley College will take advantage of this opportunity to merge her ideas and influence in the new plan of government which is going into effect now for the betterment of the life at Wellesley.

This meeting is *not* primarily for the initiation of 1922 into the vagaries and intricacies of the constitution. It is *not* the annual first meeting held, under the old regime by the Student Government Association. It is the big meeting of the year—the vital concern of every freshman, sophomore, junior and senior in Wellesley College today.

## '22 SEES ITS FIRST VAUDEVILLE.

From the asbestos curtain artistically drawn on a blackboard to the "Allies Bizarre" the vaudeville given for 1922 on Thursday evening, September 19, was a complete success. The fact that it had to be held in Billings Hall because the Barn is used for storing farm produce, only added to the informality of the occasion. After the audience had sung several college songs, a distinguished group of actresses produced "7 Minutes Leave," a drama of the farm and the farmerettes. This was introduced by Emily Tyler Holmes, who gave a short but vivid description of farm life.

"All for Love and Love for All," the next event on the program, was a melodrama of Russia and the Great War, written by Jane Mathews. It dealt with the trials of the peasant maid, Tête-a-Tête Frappé (Jane Mathews) and her passionate lover, Eteclera Etecleravitch (Margaret Gay). Margaret Horton as Soto Voce, and Adele

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## WELLESLEY PLANS TO CENTRALIZE WAR WORK.

All war activities of the college this year are to be under the direction of a war council consisting of faculty and student representatives, with President Pendleton as chairman. This war council will unify and strengthen the war work of the college and multiply results by concentration of effort. The plans for the War Council will be presented to the college very soon through the News. For the present, the only part of the plan which needs to be presented is that of the War Chest.

The War Chest is an institution which most of us have heard discussed in our home communities. It is an attempt to gather together the scattered gifts of a community to war relief work, and to secure by organization a fair and reasonable apportionment of the whole sum among the different causes. The War Chest was devised partly as a protection and help to the individual giver, who wishes to have his gift distributed in just proportions and not to be forced because of generosity to one cause to slight other appeals which happen to come later, and partly as a measure of fairness to the various worthy causes, some of which are bound to suffer because their appeal chanced to find pockets emptied by another appeal which came a day earlier.

We need at Wellesley to provide for the maintenance of Red Cross work and work for refugees. The money to pay for yarn, materials, and other expenses of this sort must be assured, and must last through the year. We need also a fund for minor emergency appeals, as well as for running expenses. Finally there are many causes in which we have strong individual interest, but which are not, because of their number, such as can be made the objects of general "drives." For such causes as Armenian, Belgian, and Italian Relief, the Fund for the Blind, Miss Edith May's work for the victims of tuberculosis among the French soldiers, the French Heroes' Fund, French Orphans, etc., the War Chest will care.

Last year the amounts expended by the War Relief Organization for materials for Red Cross and refugee garment work came to nearly \$3,000. Necessary expenses and emergency and minor contributions, for example, to Halifax, and to the Periodical League, amounted to over \$400. Armenian, Belgian and Italian Relief, the Fund for the Blind, Miss May's work, French Orphans, French Heroes' Fund, and the Serbian Ambulance-Hospital, received about \$2,000. In addition to these contributions from the treasury of the War Relief Organization there were special collections for Armenian Relief, for the Committee for Patriotic Service of the Instructors' Association, for the support of French Orphans, for food for Belgian children, and several other causes which in the plans for this year would come under the War Chest.

Certain great nation-wide drives are not included in the War Chest, and it is necessary for each individual in planning her contribution to the War Chest, to reckon on being called on to respond to the special Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. and Red Cross Drives. Because these are to be the objects of special national drives, and because they will be the recipients of much larger individual gifts than the war relief causes listed under the War Chest, it seemed fairer to leave the individual free to decide on the proportions of gifts to these.

This year it is necessary for every person who has the disposal of any money beyond the bare

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### WHOSE NEWS?

This paper is called the WELLESLEY COLLEGE NEWS. However there are people who call it mentally the NEWS BOARD'S NEWS, and make it such. These professional bystanders watch the NEWS come out each week with a languid disaffection such as they might bestow on the farthest ring of a somewhat stereotyped circus. Their mental comment when they pick up the NEWS is, "Oh, see what the Board has done now." Spectators of this impersonal order are not infrequent in college, and their influence is a menace.

Each week the NEWS circulates among hundreds of alumnae who look upon it as the official organ of college expression. There are, indeed, a much larger number of subscribers who regard the WELLESLEY COLLEGE NEWS as such, than of this former class who watch our antics indulgently. Is it fair to the majority of our readers, alumnae and students who look upon NEWS comment as college opinion, that the NEWS should ever be regarded as a private corporation? Students speak of the all-college organizations, College Government Association, Christian Association, Barnswallows,—but the NEWS they mention in another class as a private venture, more or less.

The NEWS exists not for the board, but for the college. What is more it belongs to the college, and if it is allowed to express so limited an opinion as the inevitably editorial "ours," it is an unfair expression of the college. The free press column is open to any member of Wellesley College, whatever his or her capacity; but far more than this the NEWS invites, solicits, begs criticism or suggestion for any of its departments. After all the NEWS is the voice of the college, and each student is a part of the college. Anyone who dislikes the tone of her own voice is urged to modulate it.

### WE LOOK TO 1922.

It is always a temptation to talk about the "good old days," instead of concentrating on the business of making the best of today. That is why the class of 1922 has an exceptional advantage in proving herself a valuable influence during the coming year. When the young men of that class are entering colleges that have been converted into military training camps, the young women who are freshmen neither expect nor wish to find college life a comfortable and traditional routine. Customs that had no value save antiquity, have already gone, and the way is clear for substituting what is valuable and constructive.

Last year the college gradually adjusted itself to war time conditions and learned to give up much that it loved. That is one task spared the class of 1922—they are privileged to enter immediately into the constructive side of a war time program. And because of this—because they are not prejudiced by memories of a Wellesley of sugar and leisure, the college is looking more than ever to its youngest class, knowing that 1922 will take pride in meeting the challenge of unfavorable circumstances.

We of the WELLESLEY COLLEGE NEWS especially are putting our faith in 1922. Our purpose is always to give a fair representation of the opinions

and ideas of the entire college. If we lack the support of any class we fail. Our views will be as comprehensive as our contributions are numerous—and narrowness of view is intolerable today. We are looking to you, 1922, to begin right now in helping us fill our columns, and to continue your support throughout the year.

### NEW HEADS OF HOUSES.

Miss Snow from Pomeroy to Washington.  
Miss MacGregor from Wood to Beebe.  
Miss Buell from Norumbega to Pomeroy.  
Norumbega—Mrs. F. R. Meeker.  
Wood—Mrs. E. J. Brandau.  
Stone—Miss H. W. Lyman.  
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Joslin—Miss G. Turnbach.

### A DAY ON THE FARM.

The following is an excerpt from a letter to the NEWS, received from Catherine Hughes, 1920, an enthusiastic member of the last squad of workers on the Wellesley War Farm:—

Our day's work is really supposed to begin at seven o'clock when we leave the house for whatever work is assigned to us, but once in a while we begin at an earlier hour. And these early risings, hard though they may seem at the time, are the ones that stand out in my mind as some of the most interesting times in our farm life. To be called at five, to snatch up a hasty breakfast, to start out while the stars are still shining and the morning star tells us that the dawn is still coming is not always done in the best regulated families. And that is part of the joy of it. Picking rows and rows and still more rows of corn, and then picking up all the corn you drop in these rows does not sound like fun, but if you have ever walked through these long rows in the early morning, with the dew still sparkling on the feathery silk corn tassels, and with good wholesome comradeship have answered to the call of "stack me" by loading your friends with five or more dozen ears, you cannot help finding it the best sport you've had in many a year. And then around six-thirty a burly expressman drives up with the big Wellesley Bailey's Express truck, and we pile in corn until the sides, top, and back are actually bulging with its weight. If you have never seen more than a few dozen ears of corn in one spot, try to stretch your imagination to realize a pile of *five hundred dozen*. So, with this bulging truck he trundles off to Boston, while we hang on all over the mud-guards and running boards of our own small truck, and chug homewards. There, dirty and happy, we sit down to a substantial breakfast. But it does not take us long, and soon again "Henry" is taking some of us back to the field, the rest remaining to do work in the drying room. The morning really doesn't drag, as there is usually great variety of work. Separated as we are on the field, picking corn, digging potatoes, picking beets, perhaps, for a lady who stops on her way and desires some *immediately*, or picking endless tomatoes, there is little time for conversation. We store up all the

funny experiences we have had, and when we get together at our two long tables at dinner we all seem to talk at once, some regaling us with the morning's experiences, others writing impromptu songs, while still others are inspired to burst out with improvised conundrums and jokes on those present.

"Oh! My dear," sings out one of us, "you certainly are right about passers-by being funny. What do you think our said to me today? She came up and remarked 'I suppose you are all graduates, for your work is so well-organized!' I said 'No, we are still in college.' 'Oh,' said she, in a most patronizing air, 'So young and working so hard! Bless your dear baby souls!'"

"But listen here," calls out another one across the table, "If she thinks that was hard work, just picking corn, I wish she'd come by the Botany Annex when I was doing a bit of extra work for Miss —. There I was, head first in an old, dirty, oily barrel, supposed to be getting it spotless, and when I mentioned the use of boiling water as being rather hard on the hands, I was answered by the statement 'Oh, you'll get used to it.' " Getting used to most anything is a by-word now. And so goes our maudlin interrupted conversation during meal time.

How 2 P. M. comes so quickly we can never make out. Usually the girls who are out in the field in the morning work in the drying room in the afternoon, although sometimes we are all needed in the field. We dry nearly every kind of vegetable, but our principal ones are corn and tomatoes. The work indoors is not so hard, but it has to be done with great speed. A few girls sit outdoors husking crates and crates full of corn, while one nervous soul in the kitchen calls out:

"Haven't you just one more ear that I can put in this cloth?" You see one girl ties all the corn in piles of two dozen ears, and boils it. This "blanching," as it is technically called, is the busiest and most nerve-racking work in the drying room. While waiting patiently for corn to boil, she has to listen to anxious voices calling from outside—"We've finished these ears! We're wasting time! Haven't you any more corn for us to cut?"

Many friendly but decidedly annoying visitors come to see the work that these "precious frail children" are doing; and just would like to be shown, if they might, what is done with the vegetables, and how much is put into each drying machine tray.

After such interruptions, and when the unexpectedly long cleaning-up time is over, we wander homewards, drop into a comfortable chair to read a letter, and then into a hot bath to scrub with the well-known scrubbing brush and sapollo, and put on plain gingham dresses that seem as fancy to us as evening gowns.

About ten minutes before supper someone finds out that it is someone's birthday—"And we must have a song or two!—What tune shall we use?—Why, of course, we can write them and make copies before dinner!" And the dinner table finds us all prepared for a real birthday party, with candles and lusty singing, for in these spirited farm squads it is not hard to do things in a hurry. When a party begins, it never comes to a close as we leave the table. Impromptu movies and stunts entertain us during the evening, until someone says "We must go to bed, for we get up early again in the morning,—but let's take a dip in the lake before bedtime!—Come on, girls!"

With the strenuous day's work plus a dip in the cold water, it does not take us long to go to the Land of Nod, but before we get there I think we all go over the day's experiences,—hard ones, interesting ones, funny ones;—and I think I am right in saying that every night we marvel anew at the wonderful spirit, and are thankful that we are having the opportunity of working and playing "together."

## COLLEGE NOTES.

Miss Sophie C. Hart, head of the English Department, has returned from a most valuable sabbatical year, spent in the Orient. The News hopes to be able to give its subscribers a report of some of Miss Hart's interesting experiences in the near future.

Miss Kendall, also, has returned to college after a year's travel, largely through China.

Miss Jenkins, Alumnae General Secretary since 1915, has resigned from this position.

Katherine Bonbright, '18, is taking the Nurses' Training course at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston.

Marie Henze, '18, and Louisa May Greeley, '18, are seniors in the Hygiene Department.

'19. Rena Harris is Assistant Supervisor in a gas mask factory.

According to previous custom, the Poster Committee will supply posters for any college event, providing those wishing them fill out the slips for that purpose on the Student Government Board a week in advance. Please remember that it is absolutely necessary to notify the committee a week before the posters are needed.

RACHEL RATHBUN.

## ENGAGEMENTS.

'19. Esther Worden to Charles Ray McCallum, Cornell, 1918, in government service.

'20. Clara Goldschmidt to Lieutenant Chapin C. Barr, of Marine Aviation, Rutgers, '18.

'21. Camilla Burdett to Walter Foss.

'20. Hannah B. Fischer to Philip Kelley, Lieutenant in the 133rd Infantry, serving in France.

'20. Helen Marr to Lieutenant Henry C. Springer, F. A. N. A., A. E. F., France.

Emily Wilson, formerly of '19, to William L. Nassau, Jr., U. S. N. R. F.

## MARRIAGES.

'19. On August 6, at Washington, D. C., Helen Collard to Arnott A. Moore, Dental Department, U. S. R.

'19. On June 14, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, Hilda Lomax to Canon James Mills.

'19. Gay-McCreery. Harriet McCreery to J. Gatewood Gay of Lexington, Ky. Mr. Gay is a scientific farmer whose work is so valuable that the government will not release him for military service.

'19. Wright-Lowell. On July 1, at Newburyport, Mass., Susan March Lowell to Lieutenant Arthur Houston Wright, U. S. Marine Corps, Flying Squadron.

'19. McSkinnon-Woodman. Margaret Woodman to Donald McSkinnon.

Two new house presidents have been appointed. Elizabeth Anderson is to be house president at Wood; Alice Armstrong, at Wilder. Elizabeth King is to be chairman of the house presidents council.

## LOST.

Last May or June, a very much annotated copy of the *Works of Milton*. Name on the fly leaf.

ANNA F. PARON.

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### LIBRARIANS PREPARE BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS.

During the summer, the library staff, working out of library hours and with the assistance of several volunteers, prepared over 700 books for circulation in camp libraries. Four hundred of these went over seas, the remainder, consisting of textbooks, were sent to camps in this country where they were much needed. Gifts of books are welcomed at any time, and later on a call for volunteers to help in preparing the books will probably be made. Textbooks in history, mathematics, economics and science (if up to date) are welcome.

There are now on exhibition in the eases on the third floor of the library addition some interesting books and manuscripts. In the large case are Spanish manuscripts from the library of Miss Helen J. Sanborn, a bequest to the college, and also a selection of autograph letters owned by the library. In the small case opposite are very interesting additions to the Browning collection, presented by Professor Palmer last year, and also the Commencement gift from Mr. Galen L. Stone of the original manuscript of Aurora Leigh.

### WELLESLEY'S FOUNDERS.

According to the usual custom of the college a talk on Mr. and Mrs. Durant was given on Sunday evening, September 22 by Miss Eliza Hull Kendrick. Miss Kendrick was a member of the freshman class at the time of Mr. Durant's death. This fact made her knowledge of the spirit of Wellesley's founders doubly interesting.

Mr. Durant's death cast a shadow over the entire community. There has been no memorial service, but Wellesley's debt to him has never been forgotten. Mrs. Durant's unflagging efforts kept up all that had been planned and the ideals of beauty, service and religion remained. Just as in her husband's lifetime, the attainment of character was the chief goal and obedience to higher authority was considered one of the first steps toward this attainment. "A passion for perfection" was the ideal of the college of that time.

In conclusion Miss Kendrick said that Wellesley's ideals are more than ever needed now. The world feels the lack of beauty during the time of war; religion has been found the aid of those who fight and those who stay at home; and the ideal of service is the crying need of the world today.

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### WOMEN RECEIVE CROIX DE GUERRE FOR BRAVERY UNDER FIRE.

The Wellesley Unit is only a minute segment of the vast army of courageous women serving in France. The close bond of sisterhood uniting all these workers makes Wellesley claim through her unit a very real kinship with the women whose bravery is related in the following extract from a letter to the News:

"Three doctors and a nurse of the military Unit of the Suffrage Women's Overseas Hospital, U. S. A., have received the Croix de Guerre from the French Government for conspicuous bravery under fire. This unit was on the road to Paris over which the air raids passed nightly. On duty on the top floor of the hospital exposed to the dangerous fire, they refused to leave their post.

"Dr. Caroline Finley, head surgeon of the unit, writes 'We have been under fire together. In the night many were killed, eighteen in all, but all were soldiers.'"

It is encouraging to those who, believing in the cause of suffrage have been greatly disturbed by the methods recently adopted by some hot headed members of the party, to realize that there are suffragists left who make use of more constructive measures.

### FRESHMAN QUOTA LARGEST OF YEARS.

"Four hundred and sixty-five freshmen registered this week."

Such is the announcement of the Board of Admission. Wellesley's welcoming arms are stretched to their fullest extent to hold the class of 1922 for it is even larger than the "war class" of 1921.

With registration on Monday the freshmen began their life in the village. On Tuesday evening President Pendleton spoke to them, showing the responsibilities attendant upon a war time education. A lecture on the use of the library followed on Wednesday night. The spontaneity of an impromptu vaudiville show given by some of the upperclassmen on Thursday fulfilled every freshman's expectation of "college life." On Saturday morning came the first chapel service.

The week has not been all play for 1922. The Red Cross room in the village, proctored by sophomores, has been open since Tuesday. During the first few days the workers reconstructed socks; later gauze work occupied the time. The attendance, though fair, was not what was expected of so large a class, but the work was very satisfactory.

The whole college unites in welcoming 1922. Seniors, juniors, sophomores, all seek their co-operation in making this year one suited to war conditions—a year in which every girl does her best.

### 1919'S CAPS AND GOWNS BAPTIZED.

In spite of rain last Saturday morning members of the Faculty in Academic robes and 1919 in cap and gown helped make impressive the first chapel service of the year. Miss Pendleton told briefly of the work of the war farm and the Wellesley College Training School for agricultural supervisors, and spoke of the Wellesley Unit and its relief work in France. She impressed upon the students that though their work at college seems unimportant and of small value in the world struggle, their training here will make them far more useful later on, if they will undertake their tasks with whole-hearted endeavor.

### WELLESLEY PLANS TO CENTRALIZE WAR WORK.

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cost of living to make a careful plan of expenditures,—a sort of personal budget. For us at Wellesley there must be recognition, after the absolute personal necessities, of four different demands upon us. As intelligent persons, we must meet the needs of the important permanent organizations working for the betterment of our world, in especial, for us here, the Christian Association with its many important contributions to that end; but also the Consumers' League, and the Intercollegiate Community Service Association. We must recognize the urgent needs of the victims of war, and decide for ourselves how much we shall give to the work of relief, and how we shall fairly divide our gifts among the War Chest, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., and other war relief agencies which have some special claim upon us. Finally, as loyal citizens who are prevented from proving our loyalty by offering our lives, we must consider what share we may take in paying the war debt of the nation and plan to give over a part of every month's income to the buying of bonds or thrift stamps. The amount of money of which we may dispose is probably less than we have had before, at least in its buying value, and the sacrifices which many families are making for the education of their daughters is greater. It is the more necessary that every part of our income be spent in a well-ordered and fair manner. Our check-books would reflect the likenesses of intelligent, warm-hearted, and patriotic citizens and human beings.

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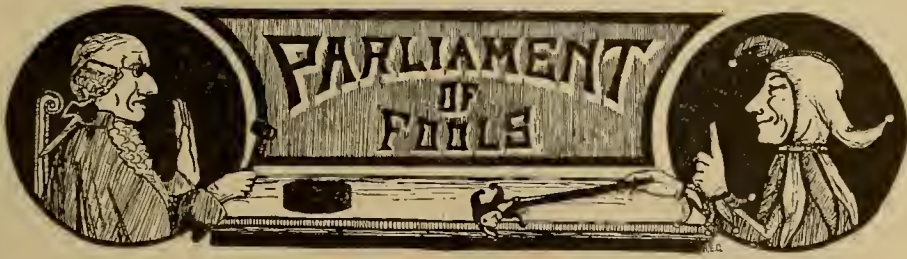
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## Farm Humor

(With apologies to *The Rosary*.)

The hours I spent on thee, dear farm,  
Are as a string of beans to me:  
The war and everything that therein is  
Means beans to me—plain beans to me.

Each bean an ache, each ache a joy.  
For I am nearer to the prize!  
I pluck each bean unto the end—and there  
My sandwich lies! My sandwich lies!

Oh, memories of bruised knees!  
And arms of brilliant lobster sheen!  
I gaze at every bean and strive to learn  
Which ones are green—which ones are green.

(On the occasion of the potato-bug-removal campaign. Tune *Comin' Thru the Rye*.)  
If a bug decides to raise  
A family on the farm,  
And prefers potato plants  
'Twould seem to be no harm.  
So he thinks—perhaps he's right—  
But we think differently!  
And so we scoop into the pail  
The whole bug fam-i-lee.

And when we take our well-earned rest,  
(When we have bugged each row)  
It seems a trifle mean that he  
Should not leave his also.  
So he thinks—perhaps he's right—  
But we think differently!  
And so we squash upon the road  
The whole bug fam-i-lee.

(On the occasion of preparing juicy tomatoes for drying. Tune *Life is Full of Ups and Downs*.)  
Oh, life is full of soft tomat!  
Containing large black polka dots.  
We sit here and we seap 'em and our work is  
just begun,  
And we pat 'em and we slice 'em and we never  
get 'em done.  
Our hands are of a greenish yellow hue  
And dripping with delicious slimy goo!  
We do not worry, but we pray  
We'll get 'em done by Judgment Day—  
Oh, life is full of soft tomat!

(On the occasion of Henry's having internal trouble. Tune *My Bonnie*.)  
The flivver has nervous prostration  
The flivver has burst his exhaust,  
He rumbles like unheard of thunder,  
And all of his ginger is lost.  
Crank up! Crank up!  
Self-starter's not working today, today!  
Crank up! Crank up!  
In an hour we may be on our way.

(On the occasion of some perfectly good corn's departing permanently from its natural state. Tune *I went and ordered an oyster stew*.)

I went and ordered the garbage man  
For the corn—alas!—the corn.  
And I said to him, "Come as quick as you can  
For the corn—alas!—the corn."  
He came—and fainted dead away.  
They buried him that very day  
And the words upon his tombstone say—  
"The corn—alas!—the corn."

(On the occasion of a mouse escaping the trap set for him by a vigilant farmerette.)

I.  
Night,—and the mouse is sneaking  
O'er a belittered floor.  
He, the scrap-basket seeking,  
Minds not a farmer's snore.

II.  
Squeaks startle farmer, waking,  
—Ah! The accursed is dead!  
She, with her courage shaking,  
Clutches with fear the bed.

III.  
Thinks she—"His soul is leaving  
Earth and its unknown woes  
Where all things are deceiving  
And a mouse nothing knows."

IV.  
Dawn,—and, on faith relying,  
To approach the trap doth she dare;  
But in spite of all that dying—  
She finds that he is not there!

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2nd Ditto: Spring it.

1st: Because she changes it so often.

1st Farmerette: Why is Mamie like Evergreen  
corn?

2nd Ditto: Give it up.

1st: 'Cause she has a great deal over the ears  
but nothing to amount to anything inside.

1st Farmerette: Why is Hughesie's chatter like  
cleaning up the drying room floor?

2nd Ditto: Why?

1st: Because it is of infinite variety and there  
is always more than there was the time before.

1st Farmerette: Why is Demi like an elastic  
band?

2nd Ditto: Because—why?

1st: She'll go any length to get around a person.



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## SILVER BAY, BETTER THAN EVER.

The College Students' Conference held at Silver Bay last June was, according to all reports, "the best one yet!" The enrollment was so large that many applicants had to be turned reluctantly away by the registrar in New York City. The classes at the Conference were, if possible, more crowded than usual. The sports were so popular that there was barely time to complete the inter-collegiate contests before the close of the Conference. Each delegation had so many good songs that the after-supper "sings" weren't half long enough to give anyone's repertoire a real chance. And the glow of friendliness which is perhaps the essence of that intangible reality known as "the Silver Bay spirit," was in this year of world war, at white heat. The enthusiasm and good cheer which prevailed at Silver Bay two and a half months ago made it in every way more possible for those who were there, to crystallize in their own minds the fundamentals of life and faith and freedom which persist in spite of the overhanging shadow caused by the human brutality and selfishness of today.

All the large colleges and many small ones in New England, New York, and New Jersey, sent delegations to the Conference; Bryn Mawr also had a good representation. One of the greatest privileges which Silver Bay affords is that of becoming acquainted with students and student-problems in colleges both like and unlike our own. The other two groups at Silver Bay,—the Conference leaders and the foreign students are also very worth-while knowing; the former for the sake of their mature social and professional experience, and the latter for their pluck in seeking an education in a strange tongue and amid unfamiliar customs. One of the most interesting girls at this year's Conference was a young Russian girl who had come to Cornell to study civil engineering because the war had closed the technical school in Petrograd, where she had hoped to prepare for that profession. Thus *people* made the Conference, and *people* also constituted its chief opportunity.

An inextricable part of the Silver Bay experience to one who looks back with pleasure to it, is the beauty of the place, for the deep clear lake with its many islands and the mountains rising high above covered with forests and swamps close in around the little group of Conference buildings with the primitive glory of the wilderness.

This, then, was the background for a program which filled ten days of last June with many interesting events for about sixty of Wellesley's undergraduates. An average day passed something like this:

- 7.00 or 7.30 A. M. Breakfast.
- 8.30—8.45 Morning Assembly.
- 9.00—9.50 Bible Study Class.
- 10.00—10.50 World Citizenship Classes.
- 11.10—12.00 Technical Councils.
- 12.00—12.30 P. M. Committee Meetings.
- 12.15 or 1.00 Dinner.
- 2.00—3.00 Quiet Hour.
- 3.00—5.00 Sports.
- 5.00—5.45 Leadership Forum or special address.
- 5.15 or 6.30 Supper.
- 6.30—7.45 Intercollegiate Singing.
- 7.45—9.00 Address in the Auditorium.
- 9.00—9.20 Delegation Meetings.
- 10.00 "Lights out!"

The classes were led by prominent ministers or members of faculty in various universities. The Bible Study Classes included such subjects as "The Christian Program and the Rebuilding of the World," and "The Eternal God in a Changing World." The World Citizenship Courses dealt with forms of practical service ranging from "Women Workers of the Orient" to "The Path of Labor" here in America.

The Technical Councils consisted of intercollegiate groups interested in various activities such as Student Government, dramatics, publications and Y. W. C. A. These were led by experts such as our own Helen Merrell who won laurels for Wellesley in leading the Student Government Council.

The Committees which met at noon planned for special features of each day, such as recreation, Conference government rules, and choir.

In addition to the intercollegiate contests which took place in basketball, tennis and baseball, there were two special events which were highly entertaining. One was a baseball game between the Conference leaders who appeared in startling hair-ribbons and newspaper costumes and were dubbed "The Ballet," and the student recreation committee who were called "The Babes" and dressed accordingly; the umpire was mobbed about once every five minutes, but nevertheless the game progressed speedily towards a victory for the Babes. Margaret Horton distinguished herself on that occasion by the faces she made at the opposing team. Another very amusing afternoon was spent at water sports, that consisted of events such as a tub-race in which one occupied a washtub and paddled with one's hands, and a rowboat race, each boat manned by two pairs of oars; that was an occasion so hilarious that it was almost necessary for the audience to appear in bathing suits as well as the performers. For the super-ambitious there was a hike in the middle of the night to the top of a mountain to see the sun rise; and there were besides, many private jaunts, such as trips down the lake, "bacon bats" in the woods or excursions to Fort Ticonderoga. One of Wellesley's treats was a jolly afternoon in the charming summer home of Charlotte Peunfield. In the regular athletic events Bryn Mawr took first place. Under the able supervision of Margaret Horton Wellesley athletes attained the finals in several sports, and Emily Case upheld our reputation by winning the singles tennis tournament.

The evening auditorium meetings were led by prominent speakers on fundamental subjects, for the most part related to the war.

Wellesley's delegation meetings were held at the boathouse right above the water with the moonlight shining down over the mountain tops, and it was there that the members of the delegation were able to sum up the things that meant most during each day. Eleanor Blodgett helped the Wellesley group to gather up the best things from the Conference by her excellent leadership of the delegation. Margaret Conant had the honor of leading two delegations from small colleges.

The intercollegiate "sings" were the realest expression of the fellowship which prevails at Silver Bay. Margaret Alder led Wellesley's singing, and by some magical persuasion drew from the delegation a collection of songs and an attendance at song practices which would delight the hearts of our harassed class song leaders. It is difficult in a brief sketch to give any adequate idea of the atmosphere of Silver Bay; perhaps as satisfactory as possible a description of it was embodied in a song contributed by the Syracuse delegation.

"When we sing together 'neath old sunrise  
mountain  
And the dusk comes stealing soft o'er the  
silvery water;  
We sing songs that cheer us, we have dear  
friends near us,  
We all know that spirit,—Silver Bay."

Here is love that guides us, when cares fast  
surround us;  
Here is faith that holds us firm when we  
might have faltered;  
Here is joy unending; here is hope eternal,  
This all makes that spirit,—Silver Bay."

## '22 SEES ITS FIRST VAUDEVILLE.

(Continued from page 1, column 2)

Rumph as Countess Vice-Versavitch, kept the audience laughing, and not many will forget Florence Johnson as the leader of the Great German Army consisting of Ein, Zwei, & Drei.

To vary the program, Ruth Bolgiano interpreted two delightful dances, "Summer," and a gypsy tarantella.

"What Every Freshman Needs" revealed the difficulties of a Freshman until she made the acquaintance of the never-failing "News" and "Mag." Josephine January as the weeping Freshman, Emily Tyler Holmes as her mother, Eleanor Liutou as Miss Peudletou, and Margaret Howe as Miss Tufts, made decided hits. Before the skit was over, Therese Strauss assured 1922 that there was a moral attached—subscribe at once!

The last event was the "Allies Bizarre" in which the various countries at war were impersonated. The bold Hun trespasses on little Belgium's front lawn, whereupon she calls France and Johnny Bull to her aid. The rest of the Allies also seek to protect her and finally Uncle Sam himself, pledges vengeance to the rude neighbor.

After singing the Alma Mater, the Freshmen went home with a new idea of how good a college vaudeville could really be.

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### ENGAGEMENTS.

'13. Olive A. Tripp to Lieutenant Nelson B. Gatch, Columbia School of Mines, '13, of St. Louis.

'16. Elizabeth W. Rennen to Richard H. Patch, Harvard, '10, of Philadelphia, Pa.

'17. Winifred Allison, '17, to Lieutenant Thatcher Nelson of the 5th Pioneer Infantry, of Spartanburg, S. C.

'18. Pauline H. Brown to Frederic L. Putnam of Wellesley Farms, Mass.

'18. Margaret Shattuck to Edwin Mahard.

'15. Eleanor E. Boyer to Master Engineer Walter S. Church, Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute, '12, now on active service with the 37th U. S. Engineers in France.

### MARRIAGES.

'09. Alexander-Eaton. On July 19, at Brookline, Mass., Lorraine M. Eaton to Paul William Alexander of Toledo, Ohio.

'10. Perrin-Midwood. On June 29, at West Barrington, R. I., Edith E. Midwood to Harold L. Perrin, Boston University, '10.

'10. Paul-Greene. On June 29, at Albany, N. Y., May Greene to Benson Howard Paul.

'10. Foster-Curtis. On July 22 at Machias, Maine, Josephine N. Curtis to William S. Foster, Captain of Sanitary Corps, U. S. N.

'13. Whiting-Plarcom. On June 8, at Newton, N. J., Ruth Van Plarcom to Philip Erwin Whiting, Harvard, '07, of Auburndale, Mass.

'17. Cross-Curtis. On June 28, at Indianapolis, Ind., Constance Curtis to Lieutenant Samuel H. Cross, 10th Infantry, Harvard, '12.

'17. Colburn-Goodspeed. On September 14, at Wollaston, Mass., Margaret Goodspeed to Wellen Hubbard Colburn.

'18. Rice-Booth. On June 21, at Boston, Mass., Kath Booth to Edward Russell Rice, Jr., Ensign U. S. Naval Reserve.

'18. Tibbitt-Brewer. Dorothy Brewer to David ton Centre, Mass., Dorothy Brewer to David Watts Tibbitt, Ensign U. S. Naval Reserve.

'18. Jay-Lent. On June 15, at Boston, Mass., Helen Lent to Gilbert D. Jay, Jr., Harvard, '17, Ensign, U. S. Naval Reserve.

'18. Chapman-Wandless. On Aug. 10, at New York City, Ruth Wandless to Lieutenant Russell C. Chapman, 23rd U. S. Infantry.

'18. Tibbitt-Brewer. Dorothy Brewer to David Wells Tibbitt, Princeton, '17.

### BIRTHS.

'08. On August 15, at New York City, a daughter, Anne Catherine, to Mrs. Charles Frost Hurd (Gladys I. Platten).

'10. On June 10, at Chicago, Ill., a daughter, Barbara Castle to Mrs. Ima Castle Jordan.

'10. On July 20, at Syracuse, N. Y., a daughter, Laura Belle, to Mrs. Marjorie Lipe Stacy.

'10. On July 21, at Scranton, Pa., a daughter, Beatrice Millar to Mrs. Eva Millar Jones.

'13. A son, Richard Erwin, to Mrs. Lina Carr Beuecke.

1917's class baby, Harriet Cochrane, to Olive Sheldon Davidson.

### DEATHS.

'88. On July 7, in Exeter, N. H., Mrs. Elizabeth Slater Rogers.

'95. On May 9, in Mystic, Conn., Adelia M. Randall, sister of Julia D. Randall, '97.

'01. On April 22, in Sewickley, Pa., Mrs. Anne Davis Leggate.

'02. On Aug. 28, in Chestnut Hill, Pa., Mrs. Sylvia Warren Weed, mother of Lilla Weed. •

'10. On Aug. 21, in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Lois McKinney Allen.

'18. On July 3, in Ridgewood, N. J., Mrs. James H. Wharton, mother of Alice Wharton.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Mrs. John M. Greene from Catarina, Texas, to Cary Ranch, Routt Co., Col.

Mrs. Raymond F. Walker (Helen Stalker, '13) to 225 Beechwood Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

Mrs. Edwin P. Holmes (Edith N. Besse, '13) to 105 Holland Rd., Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. Edith Midwood Perrin to Mangus Ave., Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Mrs. Samuel H. Cross (Constance Curtis) to 93 Linden St., New Haven, Conn.

### WITH THE WELLESLEY UNIT.

Asked constantly what Wellesley is doing to help win the war, with well-founded pride we can speak of the reconstruction work of our Unit in France. When the Unit sailed last spring, it was with the understanding that it should work "where and how the American Red Cross might direct." As a result according to latest reports, the unit has been scattered, though for a time it worked as a whole, with Miss Marion Perkins at the Bureau of Refugees and Relief in Lyon. The work of this bureau is quite similar to our own Associated Charities or the Home Service Section of the Red Cross. Its purpose is to give aid and advice rather than charity. Indeed, according to Miss Harriet Root who was assigned as visitor to the families of the refugees in the suburbs of Lyons, "The refugee and repatria, although she has suffered everything, will not accept gifts but prefers to pay, if only a small sum."

It is to the glory of France that the repatrias still have the uplifting desire to work out their own problems, seeking aid, not charity."

Miss Mary Whiting, who as leader of the Unit was put in charge of the Refugee Relief Bureau, well describes the everyday routine in a letter. "Most of the work has been in furnishing the lodgings of refugees with very simple furniture. The family finds its own lodgings and applies to the A. R. C. for furniture. One of the French visitors inspects the apartment and if necessary the A. R. C. cleans and repairs it."

In June we installed 132 families (578 people) and aided in other ways (medical, employment, etc.) 380 other refugees. All the clothing (made by the Wellesley clubs) is useful and beautifully made. We are proud of it when we give it out. The layettes seem most welcome. The French visitors have admired their completeness.

Miss Agnes Gilson of Pittsburgh and Cleveland, has been busy obtaining as much as possible of the very limited supply of furniture for these refugees. She writes of amusing instances when she has had to act out her wants, to make them known to the furniture dealers who usually end by granting her requests. Incidentally she is said to have "Americanized" the furniture warehouse of Lyons before she left for Villefranche where she is at present working.

Miss Bissell of Buffalo, well-known to the present college students as the head nurse at our infirmary, and Miss Burrowes, of Montclair, N. J., also a nurse, have been stationed in Temporary Hospital 23. They speak of splendid equipment but of unceasing work. This hospital is the first back of the dressing stations for that district so we are scarcely surprised when Miss Burrowes writes of 300 men being admitted and 400 evacuated in one day.

For a time Dr. Augusta Williams, the Radcliffe member of the Unit, surveyed as instructed, the medical situation in general and the need in particular. Now she is in a hospital in Paris.

Miss Jackson, who joined the Unit last June, has been working among the families but has recently received orders to report to Bordeaux, for what, she knows not.

At present the information concerning the Unit

is scattered and rather unsatisfactory but it is sufficient to make us realize the splendid work of ministry that it is quietly doing among the brave refugees and proves how worthy it is of our most earnest support.

### MUSHROOM GROWTHS APPEAR IN THE SUMMER ON WELLESLEY CAMPUS.

Several changes are visible on the campus, surprising to those who come back to find a *porte cochère* on Tower Court, a tent colony near the conservatory, and on the Hill the new administration building under rapid construction. The Land Army, in the tent colony, scattered over the campus in their khaki uniforms are a new feature, too, in Wellesley. Shakespeare society house is used as a drying room by the college farmers, and tables for drying the corn may be seen on the green below Tower Court. But the essential spirit of the campus persists and as long as Lake Waban and Christmas Tree Alley and the beauty of Wellesley remains, so long will any alumna feel herself at home despite all minor changes.

### WANTED!

1. For the Wellesley Roll of Honor, information concerning all alumnae and former students of the college, graduates and former members of the Department of Hygiene, and members of the faculty who have gone abroad in war work or are serving on this side in any branch of the army or navy open to women.

2. For the Historical Collection of the college, interesting photographs, snapshots, letters, clippings, and souvenirs of all kinds which will explain the work of these women.

Please send all contributions to Rebecca Meaker Colville, Denton Rd., Wellesley, Mass.

Alumnae who wish to subscribe to the News this year ought to send their subscription at once. The News aims to be a real link between the alumnae and the students and feels it has the right to expect the support of both.

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#### COLLEGE CALENDAR.

- Thursday, September 26. 4 P. M. Houghton Memorial Chapel. Student Government Rally.
- Saturday, September 28. 7.30 P. M. Barnswallows Reception.
- Sunday, September 28. Houghton Memorial Chapel. 11 A. M. Dr. Willard L. Sperry of Boston. 7.15 P. M. Vespers. Special Music.
- Wednesday, October 2. Christian Association Meetings.
- 7.15 P. M. Billings Hall. Leader: Eleanor Linton. Subject, *A Margin for the Impossible*.
- 7.15 P. M. St. Andrews Church. Leader: Margaret Christian, '15. Topic: *Christian Association Ideals*.

#### WELLESLEY TO MEET THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN.

The campaign for the Fourth Liberty Loan opens on September 28 and closes on October 19. As for the previous Loans, subscriptions will be received at the College, under the Women's Committee of Wellesley, and bank representatives will assist the Committee.

This Fourth Loan is for an amount twice as large as the Third Loan. That means that the quota for the town of Wellesley is about \$1,300,000. The College subscriptions which were credited to the town amounted to about \$86,000 for the Third Loan, of which over \$60,000 came from members of the College. The Liberty Loan Committee for the town and the State Women's Committee both expressed the greatest appreciation of the results of the campaign in the College. For this new Loan we should not fail them, but if possible should do even better.

Some of us in the previous Loans have had

bonds bought for us in our home districts which might without hardship to those districts have been subscribed through the College. If we live in districts which must struggle hard to reach their quota, we should subscribe in those districts. Many districts have no serious difficulty in reaching their allotment, however; and the Wellesley District has a rather hard task set it this time. We all feel an obligation to the community in which we are at present living, and if the obligation to our home community permits, we ought to make a special effort to do our part here.

What can we do? Those of us who have a definite income, salary, or allowance, can buy our bonds here, for as large an amount as careful planning for essential expenses permits. Those who know that bonds are to be bought for them by parents may ask to have all or part of such bonds bought through the College. In the last Loan a large number of bonds were bought in this way, without unfairness to other districts. Every member of the College who has reason to think that bonds are to be bought for her at home should ask at once if it is allowable that some part of the bond be bought here.

The new bonds will be dated October 24, 1918, and interest at  $4\frac{1}{4}\%$  will be payable October 15 and April 15. Payment can be made in three ways: payment in full at time of application; payment in weekly or monthly installments to the Wellesley Bank; or payment in the five larger installments set by the Government, viz., 10% with application, 20% on November 21, on December 19, and on January 16, and 30%, with interest adjustment, on January 30. Inquiries on these and other points may be made of the salesmen who will be at the Administration Building at times to be announced later.

E. W. MANWARING.

#### THE CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION MISSIONARY FUND TO BE COLLECTED THIS WEEK.

The Missionary Committee of the Christian Association is asking for its annual subscriptions this week. Never in the history of the world has the need of spreading Christianity been so keenly realized, and never have the appeals for help been more urgent. In these war times we must not only meet our usual obligations in the home and foreign field, but if possible send additional help to those countries, such as Armenia, which are suffering from the hardships and persecution of the war. The College War Chest does not provide for any of the work done by the Christian Association through its Missionary Fund, and since both appeals are being made at once this year, we hope to have a generous subscription to each.

A. B. M.

#### FLOWER SUNDAY.

How can we believe that God is love in this world of tragedy? Dr. William Merrill, of Brick Church, New York, answered this momentous question on September 22 in his sermon on *God Is Love* (a text which was chosen by the founders of the college for the first Sunday sermon of every year).

We know that God is love, said Dr. Merrill, because of the love in our own hearts, because of the love in the life of the world—shown by the heroic nations of today—and because of God's love revealed in Christ. Divine love does not imply an easy life but is an assurance that God cares. With this love as a light each must overcome the obstacles of life and make himself worthy to be a comrade of Christ.